

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL.

STRENGTH OF STATE GUARD

The Report of the Adjutant General to the Governor.

HE GETS A NEW TRIAL

Supreme Court Overrules Verdict in Case of the Murderer of Captain Barnes—Dick Pearson's Rival—Aggressive Baptist Mission Work—A Fake Dispatch—Made Major on the Governor's Staff.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Adjutant-General Royster yesterday transmitted his report to Governor Russell. The report shows that the total strength of the Guard December 1, 1898, was 1,084 officers and enlisted men divided as follows: General staff, 31; regimental and field staff, 19; naval brigade commander and staff, 39; infantry companies, 23, with total of 705 officers and enlisted men; naval division, 5, with total of 266 officers and men and 1 artillery detachment, numbering 24 officers and enlisted men. Since December 1, 1898, 13 infantry companies and 2 naval divisions have been accepted and assigned to the regiments and naval brigade and 2 companies have disbanded—the Scotland Neck Riflemen and Granite City Guards, Mt. Airy. The present strength of the Guard, including general staff, regimental and naval brigade staffs, officers and enlisted men, is 1,974. There are 3 regiments of infantry, 2 with 12 companies each, and one with 11 companies, one naval brigade of 7 divisions and one artillery detachment. The report cites the reorganization of the Guard in accordance with U. S. army regulations and the increase of the appropriation by the last Legislature from \$6,000 to \$16,000. The work of ex-members of First regiment, U. S. volunteers, in helping to reorganize the Guard, is praised. In equipment the Guard is far from satisfactory, many companies having no equipment. The Guard has been called out only twice during the year to preserve order and enforce the law. The work of the encampment is noticed and regret is expressed that there could be no target practice. The aggregate of the State's claims against the United States for expenses of equipping volunteers for the Spanish war is \$30,980.71. Of this \$16,381.09 is still disallowed and unpaid. Besides this there are other claims for \$37,754.05 for arms, etc., carried into the United States service by State troops. These claims have been prepared and forwarded.

DICK PEARSON'S RIVAL.
A special from Greensboro says: Hon. Thomas Settle is packing up his books to-day to be sent to Asheville, of which place he becomes a resident. The Hon. Richmond Pearson has been the only "pebble on the beach" in that district when it comes to running for Congress on the ticket of the G. O. P., but a great big stump is likely to get squarely in the middle of his road—that is, if the new comer takes a notion to enter the race. There are few speakers in this State who can hold Mr. Settle a light.

BAPTISTS APPROPRIATE \$20,000.
At the meeting of the Baptist State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools held here Thursday night, \$20,000 was appropriated for mission work in North Carolina. All sections of the State were represented, and the work will be pushed in the furthest extremes of the State. Forty members of the board were present.

A NEW TRIAL.
J. J. Jefferson, who was convicted of the murder of Capt. Calvin Barnes, of

Wilson, and sentenced to be hanged, gets a new trial. The Supreme Court yesterday rendered its decision in the case, granting a new trial upon two grounds. The court held that the court below erred in permitting the dying declaration of the deceased to be given as evidence by his son, and that the jury made a fatal mistake in failing to state in their verdict whether the crime was murder in the first or second degree.

A FAKE DISPATCH.
A special from Winston says: Sol Simpson, who was reported to have been killed near Dobson, Surry county, last November, by a woman named Sarah Wallace, has been found. A sensational story about Simpson's disappearance was published in morning papers last Sunday and sent to the Associated Press from Raleigh.

MADE A MAJOR.
Mr. James O. Litchford, who presides at the money counter of the Raleigh Savings Bank, has been appointed Assistant Quartermaster General on the staff of Governor Russell, with the rank of Major.

ENTOMBED IN A COAL MINE

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Pit Boss Thomas and three men went back 100 feet to find the source. They think they succeeded, but they had not time to investigate, as they were overcome by the after damp. Other members of the rescue party hastily rushed them above ground, where they were resuscitated.

Thomas was about dead.

THE ONLY HOPE.

To-night Mine Inspector James Blick said: "I would not like to say there is no hope for the men in the pit, but I doubt whether a single one remains alive. The men, if alive, can live for two or three days without food in addition to their water. They may have taken in their dinner buckets, but the main point is if they have air. The fan is running, but the big part of the mine remains unventilated, and is probably still choked with deadly after damp, in which no human being can live." One of the mine officials who spent almost the entire day working in the pit said: "The havoc wrought is almost complete, and I have little hope that the men are alive. The mine cars are wrecked beyond recognition and piled on each other."

No complete list of the dead can be compiled to-night. The managers of the mines have the payroll, but it has been impossible for them to discover all the survivors. But there is a general agreement that from 30 to 35 men are entombed. About one-half are Americans and the balance are Hungarians or Slavs.

LIST AS OBTAINED.

The list as obtained is as follows: Joseph H. Wager, single, has mother and sister. Joseph Butschme, 40, wife and three children. Peter Oyes, 36, has five children. Albert Meese, 14, died after rescue; was trapper boy, and badly cut and burned. Samuel Meese, his father, pit boss. Henry Hager, 50, wife and children. James Thomas, married. Among the fourteen brought out by the rescuers on their first trip were Joseph Meese, driver, badly burned on face and body. Harry Atwood, badly burned. Soon after the extent of the accident became known undertakers were summoned from Brownville. A blacksmith shop was converted into a morgue. Here pine boards on trestles were shaped into receptacles for the dead. All is in readiness for the victims of the mines when brought to the surface. There was an explosion in Brazzell mine last July. It adjoints the Umpire mine, in which eight men were killed last year, the day before Christmas by a similar explosion.

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RHEUMATISM

OPINIONS IN GERMAN EMPIRE

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blackmailing of financially insecure banks and similar institutions. Herr Gehlsen, during Prince Bismarck's time, headed the press campaign against Prince Bismarck, instigated by a number of his court clique enemies. The last administrative measure against Prussian public teachers is an order forbidding them to go hunting, on the ground that it is an immoral pastime. Former Lieutenant Bruzewicz, who, as a German army officer, murdered a civilian workman, has come to join the Boers. A private letter from him says he has been appointed commando of a battery in the Transvaal.

LIEUTENANT GILMORE.

RESCUED FROM FILIPINOS—AGUI-NALDO LOSES WIFE.

Manila, Dec. 23.—11:05 p. m.—The report of the Charleston court of inquiry, just rendered, is favorable to the officers of the stranded warship. It shows that due vigilance was exercised in the embarkation of the crew into the boats, which were well handled. A correspondent of the Associated Press at Vigan sends, under date of December 15th, the announcement that Colonel Wilder has telegraphed to Vigan, from Bayombong, that Aguinaldo, with a number of Igorrotti litter-bearers, had crossed the mountains, near Bayombong, going southward, and that his wife died in a village in that vicinity. She had been ill since the birth of their son, and the hardships of their flight proved fatal.

LIEUT. GILMORE SAVED.

A report has reached General Young that Colonel Hare and Howze have released 23 American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gilmore, at Baana, in the province of North Ilocos.

FILIPINO GENERAL TAKEN.

Another report says General Tino has been captured near Lavag. Colonel Hare reports having had two encounters with General Tino, in which 150 Filipinos were killed or wounded and about 250 rifles were captured, without casualties on the American side.

General Bates has returned from the flag-raising at Cottabatto, Pollok, Parang-Parang, Davao and Milil. The Sultan and the leading Dattos welcomed the Americans.

COULD NOT LAND.

The chief of Puerto Princesa refused to permit General Bates to land, announcing his allegiance to Aguinaldo and the Yorktown, lacking a landing force, withdrew.

Gen. Brooke Leaves Havana.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Havana, Dec. 23.—General Brooke left at noon for Florida, receiving a major-general's salute as the steamer left the harbor. A squadron of the Seventh Cavalry and two batteries of artillery escorted the retiring Governor General to the wharf. All the ceremonies were purely military. The entire consular body made an official call upon Governor General Wood this morning.

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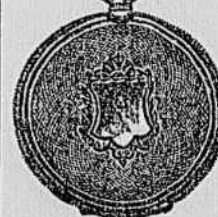
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